

NOTES AND NEWS

Mrs. Ynes Mexia, a member of this Society, who for the past two years has been collecting Brazilian plants for distribution, is now en route up the Amazon River to the eastern Andes in Peru where she will continue her botanical explorations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clemens called at the University of California herbarium in July. They were en route to Borneo, where under the auspices of the British Museum they will make an extensive collection of the native flora.

Dr. C. R. Ball, a *Salix* specialist, who has been in California since January, 1931, has discovered one willow species new to California, namely *Salix nivalis* on Mt. Dana.

Dr. F. W. Pennell, Curator of Plants at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Science, and Dr. E. T. Wherry of the United States Department of Agriculture, collected Scrophulariaceae and Polemoniaceae in Oregon during July. California, we understand, will be visited later with a similar purpose.

Dr. P. A. Munz, Professor of Botany at Pomona College, Claremont, California, is absent on sabbatical leave. He will spend a considerable portion of time at Kew in research preparatory to a forthcoming publication. During Dr. Munz's absence, Dr. Leo Hitchcock of the Missouri Botanical Garden will be in charge at Pomona.

Mr. H. L. Mason, Associate in Botany at the University of California has returned from a four month's voyage to Alaska with the United States Coast Guard vessel *Northland*. One objective of the trip, which was in the interests of paleobotany, was to secure fossils of *Sequoia* from the deposits at St. Lawrence Island; another, to establish if possible, a connection between the Pleistocene and Pliocene floras of North America and Asia. The expedition made stops at Norton Sound, Point Barrows, St. Lawrence Island, Dutch Harbor, Unalaska, and at various other points along the Alaskan coast.

Dr. W. A. Setchell, of the University of California, and Mrs. Setchell, were occupied from June 22 to July 4 in "willow hunting" in Alaska. They returned with about 270 numbers of *Salix* from the south coastal and McKinley Park regions, a collection which has extended notably the ranges of several Alaskan species.

Mr. O. H. Seaholm, a member of this Society, died May 10. He lived at Fort Bragg and took much pains to promote interest in the local flora in the schools at that place. He also discovered a few novelties in Mendocino County.